



## United States Department of the Interior

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park/Preserve

P.O. Box 439

Mile 106.8 Richardson Hwy.

Copper Center, AK 99573

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: WRST-10-009

ISSUING DATE: February 19, 2010

CLOSING DATE: March 5, 2010

**Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve** is accepting applications for a **Temporary NTE 1039 hours position**. This announcement tells you how many job openings we have at this time, what they pay and how to apply. Application forms and assistance are available at Park Headquarters at P.O. Box 439, Mile 106.8 Richardson Hwy, Copper Center, Alaska 99573 (907)822-5234, at our website at [www.nps.gov/wrst](http://www.nps.gov/wrst) and at the Glennallen Job Service.

#### POSITION TITLE, SERIES, & GRADE

**Biological Science Technician (Fish)**

GS-0404-05 \$16.64 per hours

#### DUTY LOCATION

Wrangell-St. Elias NP/P

Nabesna, AK

**Includes:** Paid holidays, and annual and sick leave. Must be 18 years of age. May involve weekend work, work on holidays or work performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours. Valid Driver's License is required. Government housing is not available.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** This vacancy is being recruited through federal excepted service hiring authorities applicable to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve at this duty station. All US Citizens can apply. Applicants must be qualified to perform the duties to receive consideration.

**VETERAN'S PREFERENCE SHALL APPLY:** All applicants claiming VETERANS PREFERENCE **MUST** submit a clear copy of their DD-214, Military Discharge. In addition, those claiming a 10-point Veterans preference **MUST** submit a copy of an SF-15, and if claiming a compensable disability preference, applicants must include a copy of their latest Veterans Administration certification (dated within the past 12 months). Anyone who previously served on active duty during the Gulf War from 8/2/90-1/2/92 or for service in Bosnia (Operation Joint Endeavor) 11/20/95-12/20/96 may be entitled to Veterans Preference. To obtain further information about veteran's preference, refer to [www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetguide](http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetguide)

**BRIEF STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Brief Statement of Duties: Incumbent will work as a Fisheries Technician for the Tanada Creek weir project. Duties include: installing and maintaining a floating weir and underwater camera and recording system at a remote weir site, counting sockeye and Chinook salmon from a video recording, accurately recording data and entering it on a spreadsheet, walking up to five miles a day across wet muddy terrain, cleaning and repairing the weir in fast and potentially hazardous water conditions. Incumbent will be responsible for maintaining a safe working environment and providing input to improve the operation and performance of the project. The work environment will be a camp-like setting and may be harsh: long, irregular hours, exposure to weather, biting insects, potentially dangerous wildlife, and hazardous water conditions. Hiking over 5 miles in rugged terrain with lifting/carrying up to 50 lbs pack will be required.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Applicants must meet all of the following pre-employment requirements. Failure to meet said requirements could result in a withdrawal of a job offer and or termination from your position.

- In accordance with HSPD-12, all new employees will be required to submit an SF85 (Non-Sensitive Investigation form) and be fingerprinted. Results of the investigation must be adjudicated by the Office of Personnel Management **prior** to employment.
- Federal employees hired after July 26, 1996 are required to utilize Direct Deposit (EFT), for their Federal Salary checks.
- Prior to appointment applicants must meet the minimum age of 18 years old.
- Must take and pass the GSA Driver Safety on-line course.
- Must be a US citizen.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates must meet the basic requirements specified under either A or B below:

A. One year specialized experience at least equivalent to the GS-4 level. Specialized experience is experience that is directly related to the position to be filled and has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. For this job, specialized experience includes having had primary responsibility for the duties as those described under Major Duties.

**OR**

B. Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics. At least 6 semester hours of courses must be directly related to fishery subjects, such as fishery biology, ichthyology, limnology, aquaculture, etc.

**Are You Using Your Education To Qualify?** You **MUST** provide a copy of your college transcripts to support all education claims. All materials must be submitted by the closing date of the announcement. If selected, you will need to have an official transcripts sent by the college or university.

**OR**

**COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!** Incomplete applications may result in non-referral of your application.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Mail in, or deliver to Park Headquarters, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Mile 106.8 Richardson Highway, Box 439, Copper Center Alaska 99573, the **following required forms.**

- **Application:** An OF-612 (Application for Federal Employment). OF-612s are available on the web at [www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.htm](http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.htm) **Or**
- **Resume'** or other written application that includes your full name, mailing address, day/evening phone numbers, social security number, announcement number, job title and grades of the position you are applying for, country of citizenship. If you were or are currently employed by the Federal Government, please show the highest grade you held, the job series and the dates of employment in that grade, and note your veterans' preference status. All other work history: Include job title, duties, employer name and address, dates of employment, hours worked per week, and indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.

**Your signature will be required on your resume PRIOR to any job offers.**

- **Written responses to the KSA's listed attached to this vacancy announcement.**
- **Written responses to the Supplemental Questionnaire attached to this vacancy announcement.**
- **OF306 (Declaration for Federal Employment) this form must be submitted prior to job offer.**
- **Proof of Military Discharge: See information on front of announcement**

**NOTE: You are encouraged to submit an "Applicant Background Survey" (DI-1935) with your application.**

**All applications must meet qualification requirements by the closing date of the announcement in order to be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide documentation/proof of claimed status veterans preference, qualifications, and education. Failure to submit the necessary proof may result in no further consideration, and applicants will not be solicited for further data if that provided is found to be inadequate of incomplete. Your application materials will not be returned, therefore do not submit original documents that you may need in the future, or extra materials such as letters of recommendation, photographs, or award certificates.**

**All applications must be postmarked or received in this office by the closing date of the announcement. Applications postmarked after the closing date will not be considered. If your application package is postmarked on the closing date it must be received in this office no later than 7 calendar days after the closing date. Hand delivered applications must be**

received by close of business on the closing date. *Applications mailed in postage paid government envelopes or through the internal government mail system will be rejected and returned without further action.* We do not accept faxed or electronic resumes or applications. If you make a false statement in any part of your application you may not be hired or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be subject to fines, imprisonment or other disciplinary action.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** The agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the servicing personnel office listed on this announcement. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**Privacy Act Information:** The application you submit for this position contains information subject to the privacy act of 1974 (PL-93-579, 4 USC 552a). We are required to provide you with information regarding our authority and purpose for collecting this data, the routine uses which will be made of it and the effects, if any, of non-disclosure. You are entitled to the same information as it pertains to disclosure of your social security number. Any questions you may have regarding the Privacy Act regulations and the rights it extends can be answered by contacting the park office.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** Appointments are made without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying handicap condition or any non-merit factor.

**Supplemental Questionnaire**  
**Vacancy Announcement #: WRST-10-009**

**Name:**

**Residency Information:**

Do you now or have you ever, lived or worked in or near **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve**. If so, where, and for how long? (Please provide physical address):

How many miles do you live from the park/preserve?

**Local Knowledge and Expertise:**

Describe the special knowledge or expertise of the natural or cultural resources of **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve** that you possess as a result of having lived or worked in or near the Preserve. For example: Special knowledge of the Park geography, facilities, and operations and issues involving natural and cultural resource management.

Describe how you came to obtain the special knowledge or expertise above.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

**I CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.**

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Supplemental Questionnaire****Name** \_\_\_\_\_**QUALIFICATIONS**

The answers to the following questions will help us to evaluate your qualifications to perform the duties of the job for which the Park is recruiting. You must provide a narrative statement for each element of knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's). Describe experience (paid or unpaid), education, training, awards and self-development as related to the KSA's. Your work experience or background which will show the level of knowledge, skill, and ability you have. Fully describe your qualifications and give examples in each of the following KSA's.

*Use a separate sheet of paper with corresponding numbers for answers.*

1. Describe your ability to identify various fish species (especially salmon species).
2. Describe your knowledge and experience collecting and recording biological data.
3. Describe knowledge and experience working on weirs or video recording systems.
4. Describe the ability and experience that enables you to walk long distances, work in isolated semi-remote locations for long periods of time, and to work in and near fast moving water.
5. Describe your knowledge of the local area, indigenous peoples and traditional subsistence fishing lifestyle including knowledge of related bear habitat.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_